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City of
SACRAMENTO
Front Street Animal Shelter

May 2013

Volunteer *focus*



TEAM FRONT STREET: WORKING TOGETHER
TO SAVE LIVES!

April Showers bring May Flowers!

May is Pick a Petal month! Each adopter will get the chance to pick a petal at the Front Desk to see how much of a discount they receive on adoption fees! Be sure to tell all the visitors about this promotion.



Time to clean out your closet!

It's time to Spring Clean! The Front Street Shelter is ready for our next fund-raiser and we are going green! Since we are in the business of recycled pets, we thought we would try and keep your junk out of the landfills by doing a Re-Use-It drive. On June 1st a big truck and scale will descend upon Front Street and we will be collecting used household items, clothing, shoes, blankets, towels, etc. Drop off is from noon to 3 pm. There are green bags in the Volunteer Sign-In area - take one for you and a few to pass out to your family and friends!

Donation dollars are critical in saving more lives and this is an easy way to make a difference!



"Easy As Pie & Better
Than a Bake Sale!"

DONATION DRIVE AND PET ADOPTION

Don't Miss Your Chance to Help
The Front Street Animal Shelter
Place More Animals in Loving Homes!



Simply Donate a Couple Bags, or Clean Out Your Closets and/or Garage.
Donation Tax-Receipt Provided. WE CAN'T ACCEPT: Mattresses,
hazardous waste and items that need repair &/or cleaning.

DATE: Saturday June 1, 2013
TIME: 12pm - 3:pm
PLACE: The Front Street Animal Shelter
2127 Front Street
Sacramento, CA



Thank You!

This unique recycling fundraiser event is sponsored by ReUselt, a registered Commercial Fundraiser in the state of California - providing exceptional support and service to LOCAL nonprofit organizations. ReUselt pays both your school or nonprofit and Big Brothers Big Sisters for the donations collected at this Donation Drive.
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**Rain
or
Shine!**

Offsite Adoption Events

Offsite adoption events are a fun way to get the word out about our shelter, our amazing animals available for adoption, and the many programs and services we provide to the community. This is a great way to help out and have fun too!! Thanks to the efforts of our new volunteer Outreach Program Leader, Shari Crum, we have many opportunities to be out in the community over the next few months. **But we need your help!! Sign up online for any of these events:**

- ◆ **Sunday, May 12th** 10:00-2:00 PetCo Unleashed (Florin & Greenhaven)
- ◆ **Saturday, May 18th** 10:00-3:00 Pet Department Store (4747 J Street)
- ◆ **Saturday, May 18th** 10:00-3:00 Spare the Air at Fremont Park (15th & P)
- ◆ **Saturday, May 25th** 10:00-2:00 Pet Extreme Adoption Event (Freeport & Sutterville)
- ◆ **Saturday, June 1st** 11:00-2:00 PetSmart Adoption Event (3641 Truxel)
- ◆ **Saturday, June 15th** Pride Parade

Please sign up today online! (Please note, you must have taken Dog Training II to help out at any dog adoption event. Information events, like the Spare the Air and Pride Parade are open to any accepted volunteers as they do not require dog handling!)

Calling all cat volunteers! We have many kittens in Foster care—we will need a lot of offsite events to get these little fun balls of fur adopted. If you would like to help out, please let us know—we need a Cat Offsite Adoption coordinator!



Return to Field Program

By Amber Davidson, Team Front Street volunteer



If you're looking for other ways to help the animals; **The Return to Field Program** might just be the program you're looking for! And we're looking for you!! We need additional transporters in all areas within the Sacramento city limits.

The Return to Field (RTF) Program is an all-volunteer Program that returns feral cats back to their colony after they've been spayed or neutered and vaccinated. Volunteers sign up to return a cat, pick up the cat from the shelter and return it to where it came from. Sounds easy, right? It is!

To learn more about the RTF Program or to sign up to be a transporter, please contact Amber Davidson at taurustarr@gmail.com.

SAC FERALS Trapping and Transporting Workshop

The Animal Care Partners of Sacramento are going to conduct a workshop for its "Sac Ferals" program for trapping and transport! See www.sacferals.com for an idea of how Sac Ferals works.

This workshop is for people who already know how to trap or who can help transport. It's **not** designed as a "Trapping 101" class so you need to know how to trap already. We have a wonderful new program in Sacramento that has grouped together volunteers in zip code-type areas of Sacramento to work together on trapping and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR). This workshop will explain our Sac Ferals program and how what you already do now will be benefitted by working together in Teams and with the resources you all need.

The same workshop is being offered twice on two different dates in hopes that one of these dates would work for you! You only need to attend one of these workshops. Please see the dates and times, below and then email feralcats@sspca.org to sign up! There is no cost! Please respond by May 25 so we can plan accordingly.

Both workshops will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Sacramento SPCA at 6201 Florin Perkins Road.

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 6:00-8:00 P.M. or

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1:00-3:00 P.M.

Looking for ways to help?

If you're looking for some fun and different ways to help out the Front Street Animal Shelter and help us raise funds to save lives, look no further! There are a lot of different ways to help! Here are a few that your fellow volunteers have come up with:

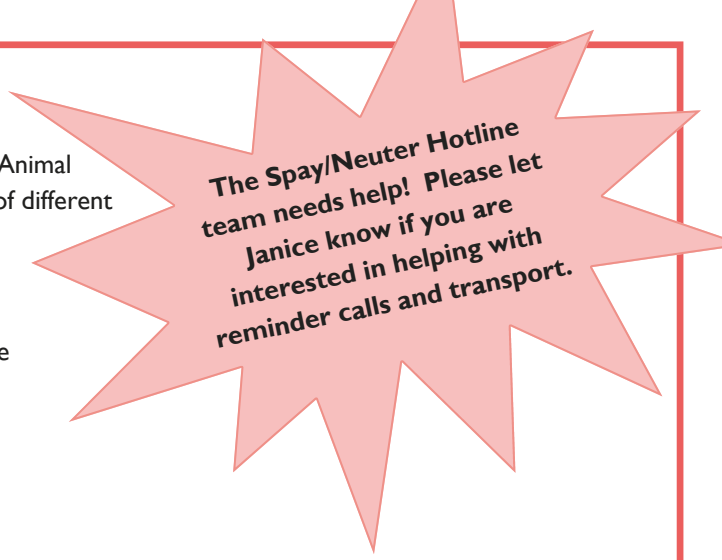
- ◆ On Saturday, May 18th at the Spare the Air event, we will be having an informational booth and hosting a pet food drive. Come on by to this free community event and bring some food for hungry pets!



Drive change.
Donate a vehicle today.

Call 1-800-320-0476

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- ◆ On Thursday, June 20th we will be having a fundraiser at the Big Spoon Yogurt at Freeport and Sutterville. Bring a copy of the flier below and the shelter will receive around \$1 per person! (We will also email you a copy to give to all of your family and friends!) That's the day of our regular monthly Team Front Street meeting, so we will be holding it in William Land Park instead of at the shelter. Hope to see all of you there, yogurt in hand!!

- ◆ Have a vehicle you need to get rid of? Donate it today and it will help save lives! It's easy to do! Call 1-800-320-0476 to talk to a live operator, or donate online. See our website www.sacpetsearch.com for more details!

PET FOOD DRIVE

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PET FOOD BANK**

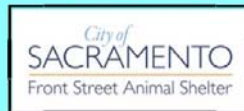


SATURDAY - MAY 18, 2013 11AM - 3PM



WHERE: Pet food donations can be dropped off at the Front Street Animal Shelter booth during the Spare the Air Day event.

Fremont Park
16th and P streets
Midtown Sacramento



DONATIONS ACCEPTED:

Dry dog food	Cat litter
Canned dog food	Collars and leashes
Dry cat food	Bedding
Canned cat food	Other pet supplies

Open bags and expired cans or bags of pet food are accepted.

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"HELPING KEEP SACRAMENTO PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE TOGETHER"

Treat Yourself.
Give a Little.



FUNDRAISER CARD



At Big Spoon Yogurt® we care about the community to which we belong and want to give back however we can. **Big Spoon** has partnered with the **Front Street Animal Shelter** raising funds to support the various needs of the **animals**.



Submit this card at the Land Park location on **Thursday, June 20th, 2013** from **12pm-11pm** with your transaction and Big Spoon will donate 30% or more of your total back to: **Front Street Animal Shelter**

Big Spoon Yogurt, 4001 Freeport Blvd #106
Sacramento CA 95822

916.927.4855
www.bigspoonyogurt.com

Happy Beginnings—Tails of True Love!

This is what it's all about! ADOPTIONS, Rescues, and "Fur-ever Homes!" Here are some of the animals we all have helped have a happy beginning:

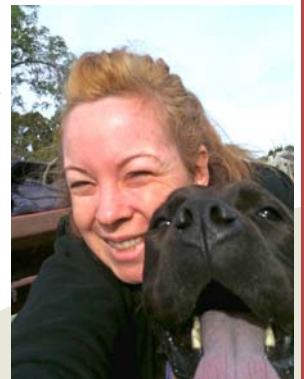
Titus: Oh happy day! Titus has found his home! Many of you may remember Titus. He came to us in February, emaciated and barely alive. He weighed 38 pounds. Thanks to the love and care of his foster mom, he quickly gained weight and then gave her his eternal love. In fact, he became a bit too attached to her and didn't want much to do with anyone else! He came back to the shelter and had his Behavior Evaluation. While he passed just fine, he was held back in the Q building to see if he could adjust to having others work with him. On the very first day he was put in the Adoptable building, he found his home in one hour! Josh is a Veteran and fell in love with Titus. He saw his potential and is looking into training him to be a therapy dog. He has his service tags and begins training with Chako Pit Bull rescue in June. Titus has so much love to give - and who would know better how to help someone through their pain? After all he has been through, he can now help others! By the way, Titus weighed in at 70 pounds at his first vet visit after his adoption. Life is good!



Sofie's Adoption Story: When Ginger Seslar saw "Sofie's" photo online, it was love at first sight but Ginger lived near Seattle Washington and Sofie, a large Black Labrador mix, was at the Front Street Shelter in Sacramento, California.

Ginger's dad and stepmom who live near Sacramento agreed to foster Sofie until Ginger could get her. Ginger writes, "Over the two weeks leading up to my trip, my dad would send me pictures and updates every other day or so. They started out as pictures of Sofie on her new dog bed, and playing with the toys my mom had bought for her, then started to come the pictures of Sofie WITH my step mom...snuggling on the couch and napping together under the blankets.

"When I went down to California to get Sofie..., I knew...Sofie was supposed to stay with my mom. So on the second day of my visit, while Sofie and my mom were snuggled on the couch together, I threw out the idea, ever so coolly, and my mom turned into a little kid with big begging eyes so extremely excited about the idea of keeping Sofie as her own. My dad...was completely defenseless against the pleading faces of the two women he loves most. I had thought that when I saw Sofie's picture and fell instantly in love, that it was because I was supposed to have her, but as it turns out, I was only the middleman, arranging for a very special bond between a needy dog and a woman with an immense amount of love to give."

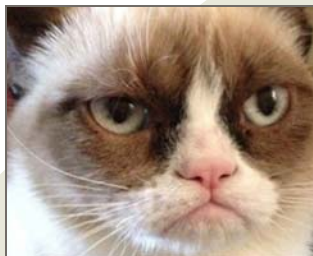


April Shelter Stats:

- ◆ Cats Adopted - 79
- ◆ Cats to Rescue or Transfer - 64
- ◆ Cats Returned to Owner - 1
- ◆ Dogs Adopted - 136
- ◆ Dogs to Rescue /Transfer- 69
- ◆ Returned to Owner - 101
- ◆ # of Volunteers who logged hours - 159
- ◆ Volunteer Hours - 2,081
- ◆ Calls received by the City - 4,654
- ◆ Guess how many bags of pet food volunteers processed in April??? - you'll find the answer somewhere in this newsletter!



Grumpy Cat wants you!



Love cats? There are LOTS of ways to show it here at the Front Street Animal Shelter! Here are just a few:

- ◆ **We have a Cattery Class** on the third Saturday of each month. Once you have taken Orientation, Shelter 101, and logged 20 hours of basic shelter help, you can sign up to learn more about caring for our cats!
- ◆ **We need help with offsite adoption events for cats!** We have a lot going on with our dogs, but our kitties need help putting their best paw forward in the next few months.
- ◆ We have kittens. Lots of kittens! **We need Foster homes** for these little ones to help them grow up sweet and friendly and ready to adopt when they reach 2 months and 2 pounds. A one pound kitten? What's sweeter than that? Interested? Contact Nikki or Michelle at nbarnett@cityofsacramento.org or mhitch@cityofsacramento.org.
- ◆ **We need Adoption Counselors!** Caring for the cats is only half the work - we need help getting these sweet felines matched up with their perfect forever homes!

Volunteer Spotlight: The First Annual Volunteer Bash!

On April 29th we celebrated our awesome “Team Front Street” with our first annual Volunteer Bash! We grilled hot dogs, enjoyed tasty treats that people brought, sampled yummy desserts, drank some swell beer and wine (only those over 21!) and honored our hardworking volunteers.

We had many volunteers receive some well deserved recognition. We know that none of you volunteer for praise, but we really enjoyed the opportunity to say a public “Thank You!”

This year, we participated in the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards. These awards are based on recorded service hours.

Award recipients received a certificate, a signed letter from President Obama, and a lapel pin signifying their level of achievement. 2013 award recipients are:

Bronze level: Awarded to teen volunteers who have worked 100-174 hours, or adult volunteers who have worked 100-249 hours.

<i>Alyxandra Jennings</i>	<i>Kathy Baldrige</i>
<i>Ann Dilzer</i>	<i>Lisa deSilva</i>
<i>Ann Friedman</i>	<i>Lisa Foster</i>
<i>Arlene Aycock</i>	<i>Margaret Taylor</i>
<i>Brian Lee</i>	<i>Mary Gibson</i>
<i>Diane Lee</i>	<i>Nancy Lundrum</i>
<i>Deanna Vattuone</i>	<i>Pamela Santin</i>
<i>Deborah Cusimano</i>	<i>Shari Crum</i>
<i>Ellen Nakata-Harper</i>	<i>Sharon Long</i>
<i>Evelyn Dale</i>	<i>Sydney Ver Steeg</i>
<i>Hiroko Akiyama</i>	<i>Vanessa Barr</i>
<i>Irene Sims</i>	<i>Vicki Cook</i>
<i>Jan Drakulich</i>	<i>Vicki Oberg</i>
<i>Joaquin Palacios</i>	

Silver Level: Awarded to teen volunteers who have worked 175-249 hours, or adult volunteers who have worked 250-499 hours.

<i>Georgann Eberhardt</i>	<i>Rosemary Lamb</i>
<i>Jenn Doll</i>	<i>Stephanie Wagaman</i>
<i>Moira Monahan</i>	<i>Susan Manuel</i>
<i>Rachele Lizarraga</i>	<i>Valerie Lilienthal</i>

Gold Level: Awarded to teen volunteers who have worked 250 hours or more, or adult volunteers who have worked 500 hours or more

<i>Alberto Amador</i>	<i>Joyce Thompson-Pierce</i>
<i>Emily Marquez</i>	<i>Mary Hughes</i>

President’s Call to Service Award: This award is given to volunteers who have served for 10 years or more and served more than 4,000 volunteer hours.

Bev Franco

Outstanding Volunteer Awards: In addition to the Presidential Awards, we gave out awards to volunteers who were nominated as outstanding by the staff. These honored volunteers are:

<i>Alberto Amador</i>	<i>Karla Marks</i>
<i>Ann Friedman</i>	<i>Rinda Thoke</i>
<i>Arlene Aycock</i>	<i>Sara Ashmun</i>
<i>Bev Franco</i>	<i>Stephanie Wagaman</i>
<i>Donna Jubb</i>	<i>Val Lilienthal</i>
<i>Emily Marquez</i>	<i>Vicki Cook</i>
<i>Jan Drakulich</i>	<i>Vicki Oberg</i>
<i>Joyce Thompson-Pierce</i>	<i>Wayne Osborn</i>

Outstanding Staff Awards: Because we couldn’t do it without the support and help of the wonderful staff here at the Front Street Shelter, we honored those staff members nominated by volunteers as being “Most Helpful” or “Most Fun to Work With:”

<i>Alexis Shaw - Most Helpful</i>	<i>Pete Martin - Most Fun</i>
<i>Jen Channell - Most Fun</i>	<i>Michelle Hitch - Most Helpful</i>
<i>Josh Randall - Most Fun</i>	<i>Nikki Barnett - Most Helpful</i>
<i>Judy McDermott - Most Helpful</i>	<i>Ricardo Gaitan - Most Helpful</i>
<i>Karen Dickinson - Most Fun</i>	<i>Rudy Espinoza - Most Fun</i>
<i>Kim Smyth - Most Helpful</i>	

Special Awards: Our volunteers do more than just log hours - the work you do really does make a difference! This year we gave out some very special awards:

Dishwashing Diva: *Kathy Baldrige*

Cattery Queen: *Ann Friedman*

Kennel Kingpin: *Lisa DeSilva*

Laundry Lover: *Jan Drakulich*

Bunny Boss: *Thelma and Steve Jones*

Doggie Dasher: *Margaret & Ron Taylor*

Volunteers recorded processing 510 bags of dog food last month!





Meet the Staff: Josh Randall

Customer Service Representative extraordinaire!

laugh here at the Front Street Animal Shelter for seven years. You will find him at the front desk helping people with adoptions, licensing issues, returning pets to their owners, and doing much more!

When he's not here at the shelter, he enjoys hanging out with his friends. He also is kept quite busy taking care of the five cats and two dogs that have joined his family. He is the proud owner of a German

Shepherd, a Doberman, two Lilac Point Siamese, two Lynx Point Siamese, and a brown tabby Main Coon.

What does he like best about his job? Seeing how happy

people are when they find the right pet and adopt!

What would he change if he could? More staff!

Josh wanted to be sure to say "Thank you" to all of the volunteers - he really appreciates your help!

Don't forget to ask for help when you don't know the answer!

Each month we will be getting to know a different staff member.

Meet Josh Randall, Customer Service Representative extraordinaire! Josh has been providing great customer service and making people



Volunteer-A-Thon in full swing!

This month we are holding our first ever Volunteer Program fundraiser - a VOLUNTEER-A-THON! Here's what to do- It's simple:

- ◆ Set a goal for the number of volunteer hours you would like to see yourself work during the month of May - stretch and see how many you can do!
- ◆ Get pledges from your friends and family to support your volunteer work. Pledges can be flat amounts (example: \$10) or per hour amounts (example: \$1 per hour). Pledge forms will be available by May 1st.
- ◆ At the end of the month, report the number of hours you worked and collect your pledges. Please return all money collected by June 10th.
- ◆ Thank your friends and family members for supporting your volunteer work!

All volunteers who participate in the Volunteer-a-thon and collect pledges of \$20 or more will receive for free one of our new Front Street Shelter volunteer tee shirts!

Our Goal: \$5,000 and 5,000 volunteer hours!! Sign up today to help out and help us reach our goal! 50% of the proceeds will benefit the volunteer program, and 50% will be divided between the Vaccination Clinic and the Spay/Neuter program - you vote! See the Volunteer Resource Site for forms and voting poll! Don't forget - your friends and family can donate online, just have them put "Volunteer-a-thon" in the comment field with your name!

CALENDAR



- ◆ **Volunteer Orientations:**
 - ◆ Wed. 5/15 5:30pm
 - ◆ Thurs. 6/6 5:30pm
- ◆ **Shelter 101:**
 - ◆ 5/18 or 5/19 8:30-10:30am
 - ◆ 6/8 or 6/9 8:30-10:30am
- ◆ **Cattery Class:**
 - ◆ Sat. 5/18 10:30 am
- ◆ **Next Available Dog Training:**
 - ◆ Starts May 19th
- ◆ **Offsite Outreach Events:**
 - ◆ Too many to list! See the Offsite Opportunities
- ◆ **Special Events:**
 - ◆ Volunteer Meeting 5/16
 - ◆ Re-Use-It Recycle event 6/1
 - ◆ Volunteer-A-Thon ends 5/31!
 - ◆ Pride Parade 6/15
 - ◆ Big Spoon Fundraiser 6/20
 - ◆ Summer Solstice at Panama Pottery 6/22

Wish List

We would be most grateful if you could help us with these:

- ◆ Dryer Sheets
- ◆ Blankets & beds for the dogs
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Portable radios
- ◆ Gas cards

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